

Subject: Chat with David G.

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David: When does the book drop?

me: not quite sure yet, probably not for another 8 months

David: aww

David: I still ain't read Cole's book. Is it worth it?

me: Cole?

me: Juan Cole?

David: Cole Stryker

David: <http://www.amazon.com/Epic-Win-Anonymous-4chan-Conquered/dp/1590207106>
this'n

me: haven't read it

David: fair 'nuff. I'd not heard of the guy before the book was announced, I've no idea his connection or insight.

David: but I'm very curious nonetheless. There's no doubt that Anonymous has earned a place in history, and I'm anxious to see how it comes to be understood.

me: I don't think he has any particular insight

me: I'd wager that it should be understood as an early incarnation of something else that will prove more viable

David: I wouldn't expect so, but I don't wanna judge before I read it.

David: I agree completely

David: did you see this yet - <http://bollier.org/blog/challenging-vilification-anonymous#.T44fqohFBg8.facebook>.

me: nope

David: From the sounds of it, the discussion of Anonymous' value and alignment is reaching the political elites

David: which is good, since all they'd heard about it so far was vague 'they're like al queda but on the internet' nonsense

David: which neglects the key difference - they kill people, anonymous doesn't.

David: (I am inclined to concede that both groups are non-hierarchical and distributed, though I concede I'm no expert in al queda)

David: [http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/137382/yochai-benkler/hacks-of-valor?](http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/137382/yochai-benkler/hacks-of-valor?page=show)
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David: when FA is running pro-anon stories, there's a real shift in the tide